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PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS

Corn: Iowa farmers intend to plant 13.9 million acres of corn for all purposes as of March 1, 2011. This is up 500,000 acres from 2010.

Soybeans: Producers intend to plant 9.40 million acres of soybeans in Iowa this year. This is down 400,000 acres from the previous year's planted acres.

Oats: Farmers intend to plant 150,000 acres of oats for all purposes, down 30,000 acres from last year.

All Hay: Iowa producers intend to harvest 1.15 million acres of hay, down 50,000 from last year.

This report is based on the voluntary responses from nearly two thousand Iowa producers. Data collection began February 26, with final interviews completed on March 16. This report provides only a preliminary indication of the acres farmers intend to plant. Actual plantings will depend greatly upon weather, economic conditions and the availability of production inputs at the time producers must make their final planting decisions.

Prospective Plantings, March 1, Iowa and United States

Crop	Iowa				United States			
	2009	2010	Indicated 2011	'11 as % of '10	2009	2010	Indicated 2011	'11 as % of '10
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn, all	13,600	13,400	13,900	104	86,382	88,192	92,178	105
Oats	200	180	150	83	3,404	3,138	2,839	90
Soybeans	9,600	9,800	9,400	96	77,451	77,404	76,609	99
Hay, all ¹	1,220	1,200	1,150	96	59,775	59,862	58,973	99
Wheat, all	28	15	25	167	59,168	53,603	58,021	108

¹ Acres for harvest.